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FOREWORD

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The governments of the People's Republic of Albania, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Hungarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Rumanian People's Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and of the Czechoslovakian Republic,

RECOGNIZING THAT economic cooperation successfully conducted among their respective countries is conducive to a more rational development of the national economy, to an improvement in the living standards of the population and to a consolidation of unity and solidarity among these countries;

DETERMINED to continue the development of multilateral economic cooperation on the basis of a consistent realization of international and socialist division of labor in the interests of building socialism and communism in their respective countries and to assure a stable peace throughout the world;

CONVINCED that the development of economic cooperation among their countries is conducive to the attainment of goals stipulated by the Charter of the United Nations;

SUBSTANTIATING their preparedness to develop economic ties with all countries regardless of their social or governmental system on a principle of equality, mutual advantage and non-interference in internal affairs;

NOTING the constantly growing role of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance in the organization of economic cooperation among their countries;

HAVE THEREFORE AGREED for those purposes to adopt the present regulations.

Article 1

Purposes and Principles

1. The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, by unifying and coordinating the efforts of its member countries, is designed to be conducive to a consistent development of the national economy, an

accelerated economic and technical progress, to a rise in the level of industrialization of the countries with underdeveloped industries, to a steady rise in the productivity of labor, and an improvement in the welfare of the people of the member countries of this Council.

2. The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance is based on the principles of sovereign equality of all member countries of this Council.

Economic and scientific-technical cooperation among the member countries is carried out in accordance with the principles of an absolute equality of rights, a respect for sovereignty and national interests, mutual advantage and comradely mutual assistance.

Article II

Membership

1. The original members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance are the countries which signed and ratified these Regulations.

2. Other countries of Europe may be admitted to membership in the Council providing they share the purposes and principles stipulated by the Council and express a willingness to accept the obligations contained in these Regulations.

The admission of new members is effected through a decision of the Council Session on the basis of an official application by the country for admission to membership in the Council.

3. Each member country of this Council may withdraw from membership in the Council by advising the depository of these Regulations to that effect. Such a notification becomes effective six months after it is received by the depository. Upon receiving such a notification the depository shall inform the member countries of this Council concerning the receipt of such a notification.

4. The member countries of the Council agree:

- a) To assure the fulfillment of recommendations of the organs of the Council adopted by them;
- b) To extend the Council and its authorized personnel the necessary cooperation in the fulfillment of its functions, stipulated by these Regulations;
- c) To furnish the Council with material and information required for the execution of the tasks assigned to it;
- d) To keep the Council informed concerning the fulfillment of recommendations adopted by the Council.

Article III

Functions and Powers

1. In accordance with the goals and principles described in Article I of these Regulations, the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance:

a) Organizes:

multilateral economic and scientific-technical cooperation among the member countries of this Council in order to achieve the most rational utilization of their natural resources and to accelerate the development of productive forces;

the preparation of recommendations on the most important problems pertaining to economic ties, stemming from the plans for the development of the national economy of the member countries of this Council, in order to coordinate these plans;

a study of economic problems that are of interest to the member countries of this Council;

b) Cooperates with member countries of this council in the development and realization of collective measures in:

the development of the industry and agriculture of the member countries of this Council on the basis of a consistent realization of the principle of an international socialist division of labor, and a specialization and cooperativization of production;

the development of transportation systems for an immediate provision of transportation facilities to the increasing movement of export-import and transit cargo in the member countries of this Council;

the most effective utilization of capital investments that are appropriated by the member countries of this Council for the construction of projects, being built on a basis of joint participation;

the development of commodity turnover and exchange of services extended by the member countries of this Council to each other and to other countries;

an exchange of scientific-technical achievements and progressive production experience;

c) Undertakes other measures necessary for the attainment of the goals established by this Council.

2. The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance through its organs, acting within their competence, is empowered to adopt resolutions and recommendations in accordance with these Regulations.

Article IV

Recommendations and Decisions

1. Recommendations are adopted on problems pertaining to economic and scientific-technical cooperation. The recommendations are transmitted to the member countries of this Council for examination.

The execution of recommendations by the member countries of this Council as adopted by them is carried out in accordance with the decisions of the Governments or competent organs of these countries in accordance with their legislative systems.

2. Decisions are adopted on organizational and procedural problems. The decisions become effective on the day the protocol

of the session held by the corresponding organ of this Council is signed, unless otherwise provided for by the decisions themselves.

3. All the recommendations and decisions of the Council are adopted only with the agreement of all the interested member countries of this Council; each country has the right to express its interest in any question being examined by the Council.

Recommendations and decisions are not transmitted to countries which express their disinterest in a given question. Any one of these countries, however, may subsequently join the recommendations and decisions adopted by the other member countries of this Council.

Article V

Organs

1. In order to carry out the functions and exercise the powers described in Article III of these Regulations, the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance includes the following basic organs:

The Council Session

Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council

Permanent Commissions

Secretariat

2. Such subsidiary organs as may be found necessary may be established in accordance with the present Regulations.

Article VI

The Council Session

1. The Council Session is the highest organ of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance. It may discuss all problems within the scope of the Council's jurisdiction, and adopt recommendations and decisions in accordance with these Regulations.

2. The Council Session consists of delegations from all the member countries of the Council. The composition of each delegation is determined by the Government of the corresponding country.

3. Regular Council Sessions are held twice a year in the capital cities of the member countries of this Council, that are selected in turn and presided over by the head of the delegation from the country where the Session is being held.

4. An extraordinary Council Session may be convened on the request or with the agreement of not less than one third of the member countries of this Council.

5. The Council Session:

a) Considers:

suggestions pertaining to problems of economic and scientific-technical cooperation, submitted by member countries of this Council, as well as by the Conference of Representatives of

the Countries in the Council, by the Permanent Commissions and by the Secretariat of the Council;

the report of the Secretariat of the Council about the activities of the Council;

b) Determines the trend to be taken by the activities of the other organs of the Council and formulates the main business of the day for forthcoming Council Sessions;

c) Performs other functions that may be necessary for attaining the goals established by the Council.

6. The Council Session may establish such organs as it deems necessary for the performance of the functions delegated to the Council.

7. The Council Session establishes its own rules of procedure.

Article VII

Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council

1. The Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance consists of the Representatives from all member countries of this Council, limited to one from each country.

The Representative of a country in Council has a deputy, the necessary number of advisers and other co-workers who are attached to the Secretariat of the Council. Such a deputy, on the authorization of the Representative, fulfills the functions of the Representative in the work of the Council.

2. The Conference meets whenever the need arises.

3. The Conference, within its competence, has the right to adopt recommendations and decisions in accordance with these Regulations. The Conference also has the right to introduce suggestions for consideration by the Council Session.

4. The Conference:

a) considers suggestions made by member countries of this Council, by the Permanent Commissions and by the Secretariat of the Council, as well as other problems pertaining to economic and scientific-technical cooperation that require solution during the period between regular Council Sessions;

b) whenever necessary, it conducts preliminary discussion of suggestions made by member countries of this Council, as well as those made by Permanent Commissions and by the Secretariat of the Council in order to determine the order of business for forthcoming Council Sessions;

c) coordinates the work of the Permanent Commissions of the Council; examines their reports on work that was accomplished as well as their plans for further activity;

d) confirms:

personnel appointments and the budget of the Secretariat of the Council, as well as the report by the Secretariat of

the Council on its budgetary expenditures;
provisions for the Permanent Commissions and the Secretariat of the Council;

e) establishes control organs for verifying the financial activities of the Secretariat of the Council;

f) fulfills other functions stemming from these Regulations, as well as those resulting from any recommendations and decisions made by the Council Session.

5. The Conference may create auxiliary organs for a preliminary preparation of problems.

6. The Conference establishes its own rules of procedure.

Article VIII

The Permanent Commissions

1. The Permanent Commissions of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance are created by the Council Session in order to cooperate with the further development of economic ties among the member countries of this Council and for the organization of a multilateral economic and scientific-technical cooperation in various fields of the national economy of these countries.

Statutes for the Permanent Commissions are adopted by the Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council.

2. Each member country of this Council appoints its representatives to the Permanent Commissions.

3. The Permanent Commissions, within the scope of their competence, have the right to adopt recommendations and decisions in accordance with these Regulations. The commissions may also introduce suggestions for examination by the Council Session and by the Conference of Representatives of the Countries in Council.

4. The Permanent Commissions develop measures and prepare suggestions for the execution of economic and scientific-technical cooperation as described in the first article of these regulations; in addition to that they fulfill other functions stemming from these Regulations, as well as those resulting from the recommendations and decisions made by the Council Session and by the Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council.

The Permanent Commissions submit annual reports to the Conference of Representatives in Council concerning work that was accomplished and work that is being planned.

5. Sessions of the Permanent Commissions are conducted, as a rule, at their permanent location as determined by the Council Session.

6. The Permanent Commissions whenever necessary may create auxiliary organs and determine the location for their sessions.

7. Each Permanent Commission has a secretariat, headed by the secretary of the Commission. The secretariat apparatus of the Commission forms a part of the Secretariat of the Council and is

the Countries in the Council, by the Permanent Commissions and by the Secretariat of the Council;

the report of the Secretariat of the Council about the activities of the Council;

b) Determines the trend to be taken by the activities of the other organs of the Council and formulates the main business of the day for forthcoming Council Sessions;

c) Performs other functions that may be necessary for attaining the goals established by the Council.

6. The Council Session may establish such organs as it deems necessary for the performance of the functions delegated to the Council.

7. The Council Session establishes its own rules of procedure.

Article VII

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1. The Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance consists of the Representatives from all member countries of this Council, limited to one from each country.

The Representative of a country in Council has a deputy, the necessary number of advisers and other co-workers who are attached to the Secretariat of the Council. Such a deputy, on the authorization of the Representative, fulfills the functions of the Representative in the work of the Council.

2. The Conference meets whenever the need arises.

3. The Conference, within its competence, has the right to adopt recommendations and decisions in accordance with these Regulations. The Conference also has the right to introduce suggestions for consideration by the Council Session.

4. The Conference:

a) considers suggestions made by member countries of this Council, by the Permanent Commissions and by the Secretariat of the Council, as well as other problems pertaining to economic and scientific-technical cooperation that require solution during the period between regular Council Sessions;

b) whenever necessary, it conducts preliminary discussion of suggestions made by member countries of this Council, as well as those made by Permanent Commissions and by the Secretariat of the Council in order to determine the order of business for forthcoming Council Sessions;

c) coordinates the work of the Permanent Commissions of the Council; examines their reports on work that was accomplished as well as their plans for further activity;

d) confirms:
personnel appointments and the budget of the Secretariat of the Council, as well as the report by the Secretariat of

the Council on its budgetary expenditures;
provisions for the Permanent Commissions and the Secretariat of the Council;

e) establishes control organs for verifying the financial activities of the Secretariat of the Council;

f) fulfills other functions stemming from these Regulations, as well as those resulting from any recommendations and decisions made by the Council Session.

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6. The Conference establishes its own rules of procedure.

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Statutes for the Permanent Commissions are adopted by the Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council.

2. Each member country of this Council appoints its representatives to the Permanent Commissions.

3. The Permanent Commissions, within the scope of their competence, have the right to adopt recommendations and decisions in accordance with these Regulations. The commissions may also introduce suggestions for examination by the Council Session and by the Conference of Representatives of the Countries in Council.

4. The Permanent Commissions develop measures and prepare suggestions for the execution of economic and scientific-technical cooperation as described in the first article of these regulations; in addition to that they fulfill other functions stemming from these Regulations, as well as those resulting from the recommendations and decisions made by the Council Session and by the Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council.

The Permanent Commissions submit annual reports to the Conference of Representatives in Council concerning work that was accomplished and work that is being planned.

5. Sessions of the Permanent Commissions are conducted, as a rule, at their permanent location as determined by the Council Session.

6. The Permanent Commissions whenever necessary may create auxiliary organs and determine the location for their sessions.

7. Each Permanent Commission has a secretariat, headed by the secretary of the Commission. The secretariat apparatus of the Commission forms a part of the Secretariat of the Council and is

maintained by its budget.

8. The Permanent Commissions establish their own rules of procedure.

Article IX

The Secretariat

1. The Secretariat of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance consists of the Secretary of the Council, his deputies and whatever additional personnel that may be required for the execution of its functions.

The Secretary and his deputy are appointed by the Council Session and direct the work of the Secretariat of the Council. The staff of the Secretariat is composed of the citizens from member countries of the Council in accordance with the Statutes of the Secretariat of the Council.

The Secretary of the Council is the chief officer of the Council. He represents the Council before the officials and organizations of the member countries of this Council as well as before other countries and international organizations. The Secretary of the Council may authorize his deputies as well as the Secretariat workers to be his representatives.

The Secretary and his deputies may participate in all the sessions of the Council's organs.

2. The Secretary of the Council:

a) delivers reports to the regular Council Sessions concerning the activities of the Council;

b) assists in the preparation and conduct of the Council Sessions, the conferences of the Representatives of the Countries in Council, the Sessions of the Permanent Commissions of the Council, as well as conferences convened in accordance with the decisions of these organs of the Council;

c) prepares economic surveys and conducts research on the basis of material submitted by the member countries, when delegated by the Council Session or by the Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council; it also publishes material pertaining to economic and scientific-technical cooperation among these countries;

d) prepares:
 suggestions pertaining to problems of the Council's work for examination by the appropriate organs of the Council;
 informational and reference material pertaining to problems of economic and scientific-technical cooperation among the member countries;

e) organizes, in collaboration with the Permanent Commissions of the Council, the preparation of drafts of multilateral agreements that concern problems of economic and scientific-technical cooperation on the basis of recommendations and decisions by the

Council Session and by the Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council;

f) engages in other operations stemming from these Regulations, or required by recommendations and decisions adopted by the Council, or by the Statutes of the Secretariat of the Council.

3. The Secretary of the Council, his deputies and the personnel of the Secretariat act in a capacity of international officials when performing their official duties.

4. The Secretariat of the Council is located in the city of Moscow.

Article X

Participation of Other Countries in the Work of the Council

The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance may invite countries that are not members of this Council, to participate in the work of the organs of the Council.

Conditions under which the representatives of such countries may participate in the work of the organs of the Council are determined by the Council by agreement with the appropriate countries.

Article XI

Relations with International Organizations

The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance may establish and maintain relations with economic organizations of the UN and with other international organizations.

The nature and form of such relations is determined by the Council by agreement with the appropriate international organizations.

Article XII

Financial Matters

1. Member countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance bear the costs associated with maintenance of the Secretariat and finance its operations. The expenses shall be borne by the member countries as apportioned by the Council Session while other financial matters are handled by the Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council.

2. The Secretariat of the Council presents a budgetary report to the Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in Council for each calendar year.

3. Expenses associated with maintenance of representatives at the Council Sessions, the Conferences of the Representatives of the Countries in Council, sessions of the Permanent Commissions of

the Council, as well as at conferences held within the framework of the Council are borne by the country sending its representatives to attend such meetings and conferences.

4. Expenses associated with the meetings and conferences, as described under point three of this article, are borne by the country where such conferences and meetings take place.

Article XIII

Miscellaneous Provisions

1. The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance enjoys in the territory of each of its members such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfillment of its purposes.

2. The Council, as well as the representatives from member countries of this Council and the officials of the Council enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions stipulated by these Regulations while in the territory of any of the member countries.

3. The legal status, privileges and immunities, pointed out in this article, are defined by a special Convention.

4. The provisions of the present Regulations do not touch upon the rights and the duties of the member countries of this Council, that stem from their membership in other international organizations, or from any international agreements they may have concluded.

Article XIV

Languages

The official languages of the Council for Economic Mutual Assistance are the languages of all the member countries of this Council.

The working language of the Council is the Russian language.

Article XV

The Ratification and the Effective Date of the Regulations

1. The present Regulations shall be ratified by the signatory states in accordance with their respective constitutional processes.

2. The ratifications shall be submitted to the depository of these regulations.

3. The present Regulations shall come into force upon the deposit of ratifications by all the signatory states, whereupon the depository will notify the signatory states.

4. With respect to each country, which, according to point two

of Article II of these Regulations, is admitted to the Council for Economic Mutual Assistance and ratifies these Regulations, these Regulations will become effective on the day such a country deposits the notification instrument with the Council, whereupon the depository will advise the other member countries of this Council.

Article XVI

Amendments to the Regulations

Each member country of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance may introduce suggestions for amending these Regulations.

Amendments to these Regulations that are approved by the Council Session shall come into force immediately upon the submission of the instruments of ratification of any such amendments by all of the member countries of the Council, to the depository.

Article XVII

Concluding Resolutions

The present Regulations are prepared in a single copy in the Russian language. The Regulations will be deposited for safe keeping with the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which will transmit duly certified copies thereof to the governments of all the other member countries of this Council and will notify all the signatory states of each deposit of a ratification instrument for safekeeping with the Government of the USSR.

In faith whereof the representatives of the Governments of the member countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance have signed the present Regulations.

Done at the city of Sofia on 14 December 1959.

Upon authorization of the Government of the People's Republic of Albania, A. Kellezi

Upon authorization of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, A. Damyanov

Upon authorization of the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic, A. Apro

Upon authorization of the Government of the German Democratic Republic, B. Leyshner

Upon authorization of the Government of the Polish People's Republic, P. Yaroshevich

Upon authorization of the Government of the Rumanian People's Republic, A. Byrledyanu

Upon authorization of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, A. Kosygin

Upon authorization of the Government of the Czechoslovakian People's Republic, O. Shimunek

The Regulations of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance came into force on 13 April 1960 in accordance with Article XV of these Regulations.

THE CONVENTION

Pertaining to the legal status, the privileges and immunities of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance

The Governments of the people's Republic of Albania, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Hungarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Rumanian People's Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and of the Czech Republic,

taking into consideration Article XIII of the Regulations of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, which stipulates that, the Council enjoys a legal status necessary for the fulfillment of its functions and the attainment of its goals,

that the Council, as well as the Representatives of the member countries of the Council and the officials of the Council enjoy privileges and immunities while in the territories of these countries that are necessary for the performance of functions and the attainment of goals stipulated by the present Regulations and,

that the indicated legal status, privileges and immunities are determined by a special Convention,

Have agreed to the following:

Article I

Legal Status

The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance is a legal person and is empowered:

- a) to conclude agreements;
- b) to acquire, rent and to alienate property;
- c) to appear in court.

Article II

Property, Assets, Documents

1. The premises occupied by the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance are inviolable. Its property, assets and documents are immune from any form of legal and administrative interference, insofar as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity.

2. The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance is exempted from all direct taxes and levies, both state and local. This provision

will not apply to charges for public utility or other services.

3. The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance is exempted from customs duties and prohibitions on imports and exports in respect to articles imported or exported for its official use.

Article III

Communications Privileges

The Council for Mutual Economic Assistance enjoys in the territory of each member country for its official communications treatment not less favorable than that accorded by the Government of that member country to any diplomatic mission, in the matter of priorities, rates and taxes on mails, telegrams, and telephone communication.

Article IV

Representatives of the Member Countries of the Council

1. Representatives of the member countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance to the Council and to conferences convened by the Council, while exercising their functions, enjoy the following privileges and immunities in the territory of the member countries:

- a) immunity from personal arrest or detention, and in respect to all acts done by them in their capacity as representatives, they enjoy immunity from legal process of every kind;
- b) inviolability for all papers and documents;
- c) the same immunities and facilities in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to diplomatic envoys in a given country;

d) exemption from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to them as representatives of their country by the country appointing them as such and from national service obligations.

2. In addition to the immunities and privileges specified in section one of this article, the representatives and their deputies enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded to diplomatic envoys in that particular country.

3. The privileges and immunities specified in this Article are granted to the specified officials exclusively in the interests of the Council. Each member country of the Council has the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any of its officials in any case where, in its opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests in connection with which it was granted.

4. The provisions of sections one and two of this Article are not applicable as between a representative and the authorities of the State of which he is a national.

5. The expression "representatives" shall be deemed to include Council delegates, deputy delegates, chairmen, members and secretaries of delegations as well as advisers and experts.

Article V

Officials of the Council

1. The Conference of the Representatives of the Countries in the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, on submission by the Secretary of the Council, will specify the categories of officials to which the provisions of this article apply. The names of the officials included in these categories are from time to time made known to the Governments of member countries of the Council.

2. Officials of the Council in the territory of each member country of the Council:

a) are not subject to legal or administrative responsibility for all acts that may be committed by them in their official capacity;

b) are exempt from national service obligations;

c) are exempt from taxation and levies on the salaries paid to them by the Council.

d) are accorded the same privileges with respect to customs duties on their personal baggage as are accorded to diplomatic envoys of equivalent rank in a given country.

3. In addition to the immunities and privileges specified in section two of this Article, the Secretary of the Council and his deputies are accorded the privileges and immunities accorded to diplomatic envoys in a given country.

4. Privileges and immunities specified by this Article are granted to officials mentioned by it exclusively in the interests of the Council for the independent exercise of their official duties. The Secretary of the Council has the right and the duty to waive immunity of any official in any case where, in his opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Council. In the case of the Secretary of the Council and his deputies, the Conference of Representatives of the Countries in Council have the right to waive immunity.

5. The provisions of section 2(b) and (c) of this Article are not applicable as between officials of the Council and the authorities of the State of which they are nationals and where an organ of the Council of which they are members, is located.

Article VI

Concluding Provisions

1. The present Convention shall be ratified by the member countries of the Council in accordance with their respective

constitutional processes.

2. The ratifications will be deposited with the depository of the present Convention.

3. The Convention shall come into force upon the deposit of ratifications by all the member countries of the Council that have signed this Convention, with the depository who will advise the signatory states to that effect.

4. With respect to each country that is admitted to membership in the Council in accordance with section 2, Article 2 of the Regulations of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, this Convention will come into force on the date that country submits its ratification of the present Convention to the depository who will then advise the member countries of this Council to that effect.

5. The present Convention has been prepared in a single copy in the Russian language. The Convention shall be deposited with the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which shall forward duly certified copies thereof to the Governments of all the other member countries of this Council, and will notify all the signatory states and the Secretary of the Council concerning the deposit of ratifications with the Government of the USSR.

In faith whereof the representatives of the Governments of the member countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance have signed the present Convention.

Done in the city of Sophia on 14 December 1959.

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Upon authorization of the Czechoslovakian Republic, O. Shimunek

The Convention on the Legal Status, Privileges and Immunities of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance came into force, in accordance with Article VI of the present Convention, on 13 April 1960.